

# CLTS NEWSLETTER

## FOND DU LAC COUNTY CHILDREN'S LONG TERM SUPPORTS

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The Children's Long Term Support Parent Advisory Committee (CLTS PAC) held it's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 6, 2009.

Vivian Hazel from Beyond the Boundaries of Autism shared her insights on caring for others, caring for the caregiver, and finding joy in the moment. This was followed by an awards ceremony to recognize individuals who have made an extraordinary difference in the lives of children with disabilities living in Fond du Lac County. Eight people were nominated to receive the awards. The winners were as follows:

Adult Category Winner: Julia Cartwright

Teen Category Winner: Melinda Gozdziwski

***Congratulations to all of the nominees and thank you for all you do!***



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Above: County Executive Allen Buechel presents Adult winner Julia Cartwright with her award.

Left: Melinda Gozdziwski receives her Children's Award from County Executive Allen Buechel.



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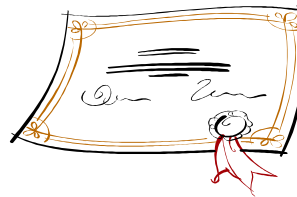
**The following is what individuals had to say about the people they nominated:**

### **Julia Cartwright was nominated by Susan Jones**

"Julia is an advocate to children with disabilities as well as their parents. She works tirelessly to help parents and kids, providing them with tools and information to improve their lives. She is always available to give information or to just listen. Julia is knowledgeable, supportive and compassionate. Without her help I would not have been able to access the resources my child needs to succeed!"

### **Melinda was nominated by the Kelly Maki and family**

"Melinda is a very special young lady who has a lot of passion and has no problem standing up for what she believes in. She is a senior in high school preparing to graduate, yet despite this, she gives her time and her heart when she cares about something. She has truly made changes in her life because she has made helping special needs children a priority when most teenagers would be thinking of themselves first."



### **Honorable Mentions are as follows:**

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| Crystal Thurk:                  | Crystal is a special education teacher who was nominated by Renee Eckberg, the parent of one of her students.   |
| Jessica Rominsky:               | Jessica is a special education teacher and respite provider who was nominated by Debbie Hopp, the parent of one of her students.  |
| Judith Nelson:                  | Judith is a nurse who was nominated by Krissy Vang for the in-home night care she provides to Krissy's son.   |
| Lynda Kraus<br>& Rosie Bledsoe: | Rosie and Lynda volunteer their time to teach special needs religious education and arts/crafts classes. They were nominated by Donna Wick, whose daughter benefits from their classes. |
| Sara Ebel:                      | Sara is a physical therapist who was nominated by Becky Binyon for the progress she has made with her son.  |



## Upcoming Events

### **ARC Friday Summer Youth Program**

The Friday summer fun program will start on 6/19/09 with the last session on 8/14/09. There will be a total of 8 Fridays offered at a cost of \$50.00 each. They will be going on a field trip to a different place each day. This program is for individuals ages 8-21 with special needs. Pre-registration is mandatory. Call 251-5356 or 923-3810 for more information or to register.

### **SibDays of Summer**

The Fox Valley Sibling Support Network invites kids ages 6-12 who have a sibling with special needs or a long term illness to 5 days of summer fun. This is a day camp that takes place at Plamann Park in Appleton, July 20-24th, from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. There is a \$20.00 per day fee and the registration deadline is 7/1/09. Go to [www.fvssn.org](http://www.fvssn.org) for more information or to print off a registration form.

### **Social Skills Groups**

Doll and Associates is offering social skills groups for children and teens. Groups are 1 hour in duration and take place at their office in Fond du Lac, 40 Camelot Drive. Call 907-8201 to reserve your space or for more information.

- Summer Friends—ages 4-6 and ages 7-9  
Activity based social skills group with interactive games and other activities  
6 week group; Tuesdays at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m. beginning 6/16/09
- Offline Friends—ages 10-14  
Activity based social skills group  
6 week group; Wednesdays at 4 p.m. beginning 6/17/09
- Teen Talk—high school age group  
Group addressing teenage social issues  
6 week group; Wednesdays at 4 p.m. beginning 6/17/09

### **ARC Summer Youth Group**

This will be a social/recreational program for individuals with special needs ages 6-21. The program will run Monday—Thursday, June 19-28th, 11:30 a.m.—4 p.m. with a possibility of transportation being provided. Participants do not have to attend 4 days a week, but *advance registration is a must*. Contact Lori Kaiser at 923-3810 or at 251-5356 for more information.

To submit an article for the “*Unsung Hero*” or “*Want Ad*” sections of the newsletter, please contact your Service Coordinator or Laurie Huck (929-3571) and we will supply you with the appropriate form. All items to be included in the newsletter must be submitted on the appropriate form.

*Deadline to submit items for the Fall newsletter is August 14th.*

Thank you for your cooperation!

## Our Unsung Heroes

Brooke was an out-of-control, head-banging, wild child. She hated everyone and had no friends. As a toddler, Brooke was out of control also; biting, hitting, etc. She would choose Shelter Care before she would admit defeat. When Brooke was here the first time it was rough; then when she came back the second time it was worse.

Starting in the summer of 2008, we noticed changes (NFDL Pool helped). Brooke started worrying about her appearance, hygiene, clothes, etc. She started wearing makeup, deodorant, fixing her hair, and wearing nice clothes. School was making a difference; she was listening to teachers, peers, and the principal. She wasn't banging her head on the desk or hiding in her locker. Brooke started to get into cheerleading, volleyball, pep rallies, and doing her homework without a fight. Brooke has gone from a wild child to a very mature, beautiful, happy young lady. She has made many friends; teachers are not afraid to deal with her. She's calm and respectful to all.

Brooke has come so far it's unbelievable. She has made me realize that being in foster-care has made a difference in someone's life.

Submitted by Tina Warriner

## Resources



### Summer Camps:

You can access the summer camp guide by going to the County website at [www.fdlco.wi.gov](http://www.fdlco.wi.gov). Click on "Departments," "N-Z," "Social Services," and the "Children's Long Term Services."

### NCCS Camp Newaygo Sleepover Camp

This camp was not included in the camp guide. This is a camp for children with Aspergers or High Functioning Autism entering third—fifth grades. This camp is located in Michigan. More information can be obtained at [www.campnewaygo.org](http://www.campnewaygo.org).

## Respite Dates

### **Cerebral Palsy**

CP will be providing a number of summer Saturday respite dates this year. Community outings will occur on each respite date. Pre-registration is mandatory. Contact Pat Phillips at 1-800-261-1895 to register or for more information.

May 9th	Milwaukee Zoo
May 30th	Bay Beach, Green Bay
June 6th	June Dairy Days
June 20th	Cerebral Palsy Picnic (tentative if enough interest)
July 11th	Music in the Park at Mount Morris (music/swimming/picnic)
August 1st	Cookie Daze, Ripon
August 22nd	no activity planned yet; tentative depending on interest
September 5th	
September 19th	Day on the Farm

## Want Ads



### **To Give Away**



Kid Kart "wheelchair" in excellent condition. Includes head, chest, and hip supports; sun shade and owner's manual.

3 in 1 Traveler Carriage. Large, durable infant/toddler stroller in excellent condition. Allows for child to sit up, recline, or lay down. Includes storage basket, sun shade and wind cozy. Free will donation requested.

Contact Ted Cholewinski at 922-1931 if interested in either item.

### **Wanted: Math & Reading Students**

Tricia Draves is a special education teacher in the NFDL School District. She has been teaching special ed students since 1995. Trish has her Bachelors Degree in LD/ED PreK-9 and has taught one year at the middle school level and the remaining years at the elementary level with K-5th grade students. She has also taken classes to work with mildly autistic students. For the last 9 years of her teaching, she has been working with all categories of disabilities, from borderline CD, LD, ED, OHI, SLD, and mildly autistic. She is looking for students who need tutoring this summer in the areas of math and reading from grades K-5. If you are interested, please call 251-9153 and ask for Trish. You can also email her at [tdraves@dotnet.com](mailto:tdraves@dotnet.com). The tutoring will take place at the FDL Public Library.



### ***ARC of FDL NEWS***

The Arc has a new Executive Director. Stephen Kirschner retired from the Arc in January after serving for many years as the Executive Director. David Boelter was named as the new Executive Director as of 5/1/09. David has 25 years of experience in the health care services industry with an emphasis in home care, rehabilitation, brain injury and alternate site care. He joined the Arc Board of Directors in 2004 and has served as the Board President. David has expressed an interest in expanding services offered by the Arc to children and teens with special needs. He is seeking input from parents on what they would like to see offered and welcomes your calls. He can be reached at (920) 923-3810 or at [dboelter@ardfdl.org](mailto:dboelter@ardfdl.org).

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